

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject Patent Application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A positioning foot for an instrument stand having legs extending out of the instrument stand, the positioning foot comprising:

pads each adapted to be respectively mounted on a corresponding free end of the legs, each pad having a through hole defined through the pad and a groove defined in a side face of the pad; and

spikes each pivotally and slidably received in a corresponding one of the ~~grooves of the~~ pads to be ~~alternatively~~ adjustably extended transversely outward and pivotaly displaced relative thereto for engagement with a supporting surface, and thereby to provide a firm grip to the instrument stand.

2. (Original) The positioning foot as claimed in claim 1, wherein each pad has two grooves respectively defined in two opposite side faces of the pad.

3. (Original) The positioning foot as claimed in claim 2, wherein the spike is divided into an engaging end and a connecting end and has a knob screwingly

connected to the connecting end such that the spike is able to pivot relative to the knob.

4. (New) The positioning foot as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the spikes includes engaging and connecting ends offset in angular orientation one from the other, the connecting end passing through one of the pads to be releasably locked thereto by an adjustable knob, the engaging end being in a first position selectively received recessed manner in one groove of the pad and in a second position protruded therefrom for engaging the supporting surface.

5. (New) The positioning foot as claimed in claim 4, wherein the engaging and connecting ends define substantially an L-shape for each of the spikes.